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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS PINS AEMR AO CG
SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 65 (MAY 27, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 65TH MISSION WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS
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FROM LUBUMBASHI.
MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 261600Z MAY 77.
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS
GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:
A. DDN REPORTS FIVE SEPARATE HOSTILE PLATOONS LOCATED SOUTH OF

KISENGE (1042S/2311E) AT:

- 1) TSHILENO PLATOON 10045S/2303E.
- 2) MUSEMA PLATOON 1051S/2308E.
- 3) KATENDE KAWELE PLATOON 1052S/2256E.
- 4) LIWENDA PLATOON 1100S/2300E.
- 5) KATENDE MUTEMBA PLATOON 1052S/2327E.

B. DDN REPORTS FIVE HOSTILE COMPANIES FLED TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST TOWARD BORDER FROM SANDOA (0947S/2250E) PRIOR TO FAZ RECAPTRUE ON 25 MAY 77.

C. ACCORDING AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI MEHTODIST MISSIONAIRES REPORT THAT INVADERS WHO HAVE BEEN USING THEIR RADIO NET IN KAPANGA/MUSUMBA THROUGHOUT INVASION HAVE CONTINUED TO BROADCAST SINCE ANNOUNCED FAZ RECAPTURE OF KAPANGA. MISSIONAIRES HAVE NO WAY OF AXCERTAINING WHETHER INVADERS USING RADIO STILL IN KAPANGA, MUSUMBA OR ELSEWHERE. MISSIONAIRIES OVERHEARD INVADERS CALLING FOR REINFORCEMENTS THIS MORNING, MAY 27.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. DDN REPORTS SANDOA OFFICIALLY RECAPTURED AS OF 25100Z MAY 77 BY THE KAPANGU BATTALION.

B. DDN REPORTS KAPANGA AREA (0821S/2240E) OFFICIALLY RETAKEN AT 260930Z MAY 77 BY THE MABUNGU BATTALION.

C. TSHIEMBE BATTALION LOCATED IN VICININTY OF 5 HOSTILE PLATOONS REPORTED IN 2A ABOVE.

- 1) ONE COMPANY IN LUASHI (1055S/2336E)
 - 2) ONE COMPANY IN KASANGA (1058S/2312E)
 - 3) ONE COMPANY AT ROAD JUNCTION (1043S/2311E)
- D. TASK FORCE IKUKU HEADQUARTERS REAMIN AT KASAJI (1022S/2328E) WITH ONE MOROCCAN DIR.

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3. MBUMBO II BATTALION, ONE MOROCCAN DIR AND TSHIBANGU BATTALION HOLD DILOLO (1028S/2228E). PER DDN, HOSTILE FORCE PREVIOUSLY HOLDING DILOLO FLED ACROSS BORDER.

F. LOCAL PRESS, 27 MAY, REPORTS PRES MOBUTU VISITED SANDOA MORNING OF 26 MAY AND INSPECTED CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING VARIOUS WEAPONS MODELS, LONG-RANGE RADIO, ANTI-TANK AND PERSONNEL MINES, MORTARS, IMPORTANT HOSTILE DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS SHOWING HOSTILE TROOPS TRAINING IN ANGOLA.

4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO CHANGE REPORTED.

5. AIR

- A. DDN REPORTS NO TACAIR RESULTS.
- B. NEW FAZA C-130 AIRCRAFT ARRIVED FROM US ON 251900Z MAY 77.

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6. DOMESTIC PRESS: MEDIA RELETE WITH SHABAN DETAILS. PAPERS,
RADIO AND TV HEADLINE FALL OF SANDOA ON MAY 26 AND THE FALL OF
KAPANGA ON MAY 27 INCLUDING MOBUTU'S VISITS TO THE REOCCUPIED TOWNS.
PRAISE FOR THE GUID AND GAZ IS JUXTAPOSED WITH EQUALLY FELICITOUS
REFERENCES TO THE MOROCCANS IN EDITORIALS AND ARTICLES. EDITORIAL
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IN MAY 27 "SALONGO", THE SMILE OF THE CHIEF" WRAPS UP WAR,
STRESSES CONCLUSION OF CONFLICT, SPEAKS AGAIN OF ZAIRIAN SUPPORT
FOR THE GUIDE, MOROCCAN SOLIDARITY AND SOVIET PERFIDY. SAME "SALONGO"

ISSUE NOW CALLS THE SHABAN CONFLICT "THE 80 DAY WAR." MAY 27
"ELIMA" CARRIES FIRST IN SERIES OF STORIES ON HISTORY OF CONFLICT.
ENTITLED "ZAIRE AT CROSSROADS", FIRST SEGMENT "THE EVENTS"
REPEATS GOZ THEME OF FOREIGN INVOLVMENT IN INVASION AND DESCRIBES
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FOREIGN SUPPORT TO GOZ FROM MOROCCO, EGYPT,
SENEGAL, AND OTHERS. FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC COVERAGE INCLUDES A POSI-
TIVE ARTICLE ON TITO'S AND PRC FOMIN'S PRO-ZAIRE SPEECH OF MAY 25
WHICH CONTAINED ONLY SLIGHTLY VEILED REFERENCES TO THE SOVIETS.
ON THE HOME FRONT ZAIRIAN FOMIN NGUZA IS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT
FOR RABAT, MAY 26.

7. DOMESTIC SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: BUSINESS AS USUAL. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
CANCELLED A TORCHLIGHT PARADE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 26 SO THAT IT
COULD BE HELD AFTER MOBUTU RETURNS TO KINSHASA MAY 28. PRESS CON-
TINUES TO REPORT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM POLITICAL GROUPS,
GOVERNMENT OFFICES, OFFICIALS, ETC, ALL ADDRESSED TO MOBUTU.

B. LUBUMBASHI: TWO FLAGS OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (FOR-
MER NAME OF ZAIRE) FLEW WEEKEND MAY 21-22 ON HILLS IN LUBUMBASHI'S
KATUBA ZONE. FAZ REPORTEDLY HESITANT QDREAR OF
MINES. FLAGS FINALLY REMOVED MAY 23 AND FAZ REPORTEDLY IMPOSING
20 ZAIRE FINES ON ZONE OCCUPANTS FOR NOT TAKING FLAG DOWN EARLIER. NYP
IQWILOMATIC ACIVITY:

A. PRES EYADEMA OF TOGO VISITED MOBUTU IN KOLWEZI MAY 24 TO
EXPRESS THE UNCONDITIONAL AND TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF TOGO.
EYADEMA DESCRIBED ZAIRE'S VICTORY IN SHABA AS A VICTORY FOR TOGO
AND AFRICA.

B. FONMIN NGUZA LEFT FOR RABAT ON MAY 26 CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM
MOBUTU TO KING HASSAN. ALTHOUGH THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN
PUBLISHED WE PRESUME THAT IT DEALS WITH MOROCCO'S ASSISTANCE TO
ZAIRE AND WITH MOBUTU'S PLANNED VISIT TO RABAT IN EARLY JUNE.

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: MISSIONAIRES REPORT THEY HAVE NO
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WORD ON FATE OF KPANAGA AND SANDOA MISSIONAIRES BUT SEEM OPTI-
MISTIC LATTER HAVE REACHED ANGOLA. ZAIRIAN DOCTOR WHO REMAINED
IN KAPANGA THROUGHOUT HOSTILE OCCUPATION REPORTED THAT HOSTILES
TOOK AN AMERICAN DOCTOR AS HOSTAGE WHEN THEY RETREATED. EMBASSY
IS CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE IN LIGHT OF THIS REPORT. (SEE SEPTTEL).
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